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Mr. Richard Helms



Dear Mr. Helms:

I thought you would be interested in seeing a galley of ABEL by Louise Bernikow which will be published by Trident Press in May.

The author, Louise Bernikow, received her B.A. from Barnard in 1961 and her M.A., with honors, from Columbia. She has almost completed her Ph.D. at Columbia. She has also studied at Oxford and the University of Madrid and she received a Fulbright for research in Spain. She is currently teaching two courses at the Julliard School in New York and writing. ABEL is her first book.

Miss Bernikow became interested in Rudolph Abel through her friend, Burt Silverman, a painter who had known the "Master Spy." She was intrigued by the discrepancy that seemed to exist between Mr. Silverman's sympathetic portrayal of the man and his notorious reputation. Miss Bernikow spent two and a half years on her research and even traveled to Moscow in 1967 in an attempt to meet Abel.

I hope you enjoy the book. We would certainly appreciate receiving any comments you care to make on it.

Best regards,

Barbara J. Hendra
Publicity Director

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<p>Remarks: Rock: I have glanced very rapidly through this and can find nothing too unsettling. On page 60 the author has Allen Dulles' first name misspelled, and is it true that he flew up to New York to see Hayhanen? She also goes at length into the story about Hayhanen's death, quoting me accurately enough. This starts on page 182.</p> <p>The Director has acknowledged receipt of this manuscript, and I am inclined to think that no comment is required but would like your thoughts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">LRHouston</p>			
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STAT DC/CI talked with General Counsel. Said
[redacted] CI Staff, will comment after he
has had an opportunity to read the manuscript.
No comments will be sent to Trident Press.
The manuscript will be held in CI.